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Kalisz.

1. Prior to the end of November 1950, military quarters were observed near Szczypiorno (P 52/N 93), southwest of Kalisz (P 52/N 94). Barracks-like buildings, which local residents said were built by the Germans during the war, were on the northwest side of the road to Ostrowo (P 52/C 98), between the towns of Szczypiorno and Moskow (P 52/N 93). There were three large buildings which, however, did not seem to be occupied by military personnel at the end of November 1950. Construction work was under way on the southeast side of the main road, between the road and the railroad line. Wooden sheds were being removed and replaced by solid warehouse-like buildings. Additional new buildings were apparently also being constructed. Local residents said that a supply base was being established there and stated that all installations at Szczypiorno would be occupied by troops in 1951. *

Grabow.

2. Troops wearing Polish Army uniforms were noticed in Grabow (P 52/N 91) until the end of November 1950. Polish residents said that older men, between 25 and 35 years of age who had previously undergone short terms of military service, were concentrated there for three-week training courses. The personnel were exchanged and left by truck at regular intervals of three weeks. Between 200 and 300 troops appeared to be in Grabow at one time. Their quarters were not known to source. **

Ostrowo.

3. Troops wearing Polish Army uniforms with red cap bands and light red collar patches were seen in the barracks installation near the Ostrowo railroad station in the summer of 1950.
4. Young troops wearing Polish Army uniforms were seen in a barracks installation on the north side of the street leading to the Ostrowo railroad station up to September 1950. No weapons or armored vehicles were observed. Three of the buildings of the installation, which was also called the Ulanen Barracks, were multiple-storied and fronted on the street. Other Polish Army troops were located in a barracks installation on

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so-called Barracks Street. The installation consisted of not less than three large buildings. Source could supply no detailed information on the troops. ***

5. The UB (Security Police) office was located in the former German Nazi Party Building on the south side of the street leading to the railroad station, east of the barracks installation on the same street.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The barracks installations in Kalisz proper quartered an infantry and an engineer unit until December 1950. [REDACTED]
No information on the occupation of the quarters at Szczepiorn is available.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. Grabow is a small town, the military occupation of which has not been reported to date. The troops there could have been so-called Territorial Troops (national reserves under the provisions of Articles 46 and 47 of the Polish Military Service Law of February 1950) who are called up for short training cycles only.

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*** [REDACTED] Comment. A report of March also said that the two barracks installations near the Ostrowo railroad station quartered infantry troops. [REDACTED]
The present report probably refers to these troops who are believed to constitute an infantry regiment of the 4th Inf Div which is carried in the Krotoszyn area.

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